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QUOTE

HENRY A. KISSINGER
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE
EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES
ROME (ITALY)

IN ADDRESSING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME THIS WEEK,
YOU PRESENTED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH CHRONIC FOOD
SHORTAGES AROUND THE WORLD AND TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR IMPROVING
NUTRITION FOR ALL THE WORLDS PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, YOU PLEDGED
INCREASED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN FOOD AID PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY
AS A PART OF THIS EFFORT.

THE DAIRY FARMER OF THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG SUPPORTED
OTHER DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROGRAMS AIMED AT RAISING NUTRITIONAL
LEVELS. WE WELCOME THE INITIATIVE YOU HAVE PROPOSED.

SOME HAVE RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR NATIONS
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ABILITY TO MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL EXPANSION OF FOOD AID COMMITMENT

AT PRESENT IN VIEW OF SHORTENED SUPPLIES OF COMMODITIES AND BUDGET PRESSURES. WE DO HAVE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE HOWEVER SUBSTANTIAL STOCKS OF NONFAT DRY MILK WHICH IS A HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS READILY USEABLE PROTEIN FOOD THAT WOULD SERVE AS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO FOOD ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

CURRENT DOMESTIC STOCKS OF THE PRODUCT EXCEED 300 MILLION POUNDS, OF WHICH MORE THAN 130 MILLION POUNDS ARE ALREADY IN GOVERNMENT HANDS THROUGH ACQUISITION UNDER THE DAIRY PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM. THIS STOCKPILE, MOST OF WHICH IS UNNEEDED IN THIS MARKET, COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN MEETING THE FOOD NEEDS IN PROTEIN-SHORT FOOD AREAS OF THE WORLD.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OF THE INTENT OF UNITED STATES TO UTILIZE THE AUTHORITIES AVAILABLE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480 TO MAKE THIS PRODUCT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY WOULD BE A FIRM DEMONSTRATION OF THE WILLINGNESS INDICATED IN SPEECH OF NOVEMBER 5. IT WOULD SERVE AS A CATALYST TO BRING THE COMMITMENT FROM OTHER NATIONS TO THE JOINT EFFORT THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MEET THIS GREAT CHALLENGE.

PATRICK B. HEALY SECRETARY NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION.
END QUOTE.VOLPE

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